

Activity 2: Explain your opinion

Read this second extract from *Funnybones* and then try the activity below.

So the big skeleton, the little skeleton and the dog skeleton left the dark dark swings, went out into the dark dark town – and tried to frighten somebody.

The trouble was, there wasn't anybody. Everybody was in bed. Even the policemen in the police station were in bed. Even the animals in the zoo!

Of course, the skeleton animals were awake.

SQUEAK

SNORT

OINK

GEE UP NELLIE

GOOD EVENING ALL... WHO'S A CHEEKY BOY THEN... HAVE A CUP OF TEA... PRETTY POLLY... PUT THE KETTLE ON MOTHER...

Let's have a ride on the elephant skeleton," the little skeleton said.

"Let's have a word with the parrot skeleton."

The big skeleton scratched his skull.

"Let's ... keep out of the way of the crocodile skeleton," he said.

When they were back in the street, and when they still could not find anybody to frighten, the big skeleton said, "What shall we do now?"

The little skeleton scratched his skull. "Let's frighten each other," he said.

"That's better than nothing!"

"Good idea!" the big skeleton said.

Activity - Try and answer the following questions and then write four sentences explaining what your opinion of *Funnybones* is.

What type of book is *Funnybones* ?

How do you feel as the reader when you are reading it?

Does it make you laugh?

Is it scary?

Is it a sad story?

What do you think of the characters?

Here are some sentence starters to help you.

I think the book is called *Funnybones* because _____

I think the story is about _____ because _____

I liked/didn't like the part where _____ because _____

I think the characters are _____ because _____